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Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2008 10:41 AM
To: 'sp@hslak.com'
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Just some info we have used to counter comments on the per diem issue in case it comes up in your interview

- **Governor has declined First Family per diem reimbursements to date of $4,461**
- **State of Alaska rented an apartment in Anchorage for Governor Murkowski**
- **Governor Knowles accepted per diem while in Anchorage**
- **Per diem is NOT taxable**
- **Governor Murkowski's travel in 2006 totaled $525,392**
- **Governor Palin dismissed chef for mansion chef / OT/ Temp savings = $97,000 – for 2007**
- **Annual savings in house expenses (food and supplies for the mansion) = $96,000 – for 2007**
- **Reduction in security detail down from 7 – 2 = $125,000 in savings for 2007**
- **Governor Palin does not travel with an entourage**
- **King Air has NOT been available most of this year – down for maintenance, painting, etc.**
- **Governor Palin prefers to drive herself – no chauffeur**

Ms. Garnero,
I'm writing with a few technical questions regarding the per diem paid to Gov. Palin for nights she spent in her Wasilla residence between Dec. 4, 2006 and June 30, 2008:
1) Is the per diem she received the same type paid to state employees for the purpose of covering lodging/meals/incidentals incurred while working away from home on state business? Is there any other purpose for the per diem received by the governor?
2) Does the state consider the per diem paid to the governor to be taxable income?

Thanks in advance for your help.

Lyndsey Layton
National Staff Writer
The Washington Post
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1) Yes, our travel policies provides for a meals and incidentals (M&IE) allowance when on travel status as follows:

If a traveler maintains a dwelling at their destination and it is available to them, they will be entitled to only an M&IE allowance for normal workdays. An M&IE allowance for other than normal workdays is not allowed. (excerpt from the Alaska Administrative Manual 60.250)

I am aware of no other purpose for the per diem paid to the governor.

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Subject: Press office policy on non-media questions

Governor,

Bill has come up with a policy for how we will handle these requests, if you concur. His idea is in the e-mail below.

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That is, a policy on questions from citizens, vs. media? No, there isn't one. Here's what I'd say: Anything from a citizen that can be answered promptly or referred to the proper authority, we'll handle. Anything extravagant requested from a non-Alaska resident, requiring labor-intensive research, we must politely decline to provide. If it's an Alaska citizen, we'll try to get it eventually, but won't make promises on timing. How's that?

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Yes – we can take care of this individual request. But see the Governor's question at the bottom of the e-mail. She wants to know if the press office has set a policy on how to handle random questions like this.

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To: Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: couple of things

Yes

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From: "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>
Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2008 16:58:06 -0800
To: <sp@hslak.com>
Subject: RE: couple of things

I believe he is, do you want me to see how flexible his schedule is?

From: sp@hslak.com [mailto:sp@hslak.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2008 4:07 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
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Is Joe in Anchorage tomorrow at all?

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To: Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Thank you!

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To: <Gov.Sarah@yahoo.com>
Subject: Story for ADN

Hi Gov. Palin,

I can't imagine how busy you are and I'm not sure this will get to you but hope it does. I've got questions into your staff on this but would much rather hear from you directly. It would be terrific if you could give me five minutes on the phone or even just send back a quick note.

I'm working on a story about your use of BlackBerries and Yahoo for e-mail. This was a small but brewing controversy in Alaska before you were picked by John McCain to be his running mate. The critics question whether you and others in your office are using private e-mail accounts for state business to get around public records law.

How do you respond to those critics?

I know you often have two BlackBerries going at once. Why is that? Is one for private and one for governor communications? Are they both also phones?

You seem really tech-savvy. How do you describe yourself along those lines? Do you have an iPod? What's on your playlist these days?

What e-mail providers do you routinely use? Mainly Yahoo? Any other private ones? How much state business do you do through your Yahoo account? Why use Yahoo and not your state account?

Do you communicate to your staff members from your Yahoo account to their Yahoo accounts? Private to private?

Coming at the issue a different way, how are your Yahoo e-mails or others from private accounts preserved, as a slice of history? Do you save and archive them in some way? I can't imagine you'd have time to mess with that. Does an aide have your Yahoo password and do that for you? Or do the private account e-mails expire after so many days or weeks?

Even if you intend for the public to see whatever communications should be public, how can that possibly work if things are in a private Yahoo account?

Thanks for taking the time. It would be great to hear from you. The story would be more balanced and more complete. You know this topic better than anyone.

Regards,
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